## CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE

DIV 13 - HOUSING Part 1.5 - Regulation of Buildings Used for Human Habitation

**Local Appeals Board** (Required)

Section 17920.5 H&S Div 13 - Housing Part 1.5 - Regulation

As used in this part "local appeals board" means the board or agency of a city or county which is authorized by the governing body of the city or county to hear appeals regarding the building requirements of the city or county. In any area in which there is no such board or agency, "local appeals board" means the governing body of the city or county having jurisdiction over such area.

**Housing Appeals Board** (Optional)

Section 17920.6 H&S Div 13 - Housing Part 1.5 - Regulation

As used in this part, "**housing appeals board**" means the board or agency of a city or county which is authorized by the governing body of the city or county to hear appeals regarding the requirements of the city or county relating to the use, maintenance, and change of occupancy of hotels, motels, lodginghouses, apartment houses, and dwellings, or portions thereof, and buildings and structures accessory thereto, including if also authorized to hear such appeals, requirements governing alteration, additions, repair, demolition, and moving of such buildings. In any area in which there is not such a board or agency, "housing appeals board" means the local appeals board having jurisdiction over such area.

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(a) Every city, county, or city and county **may** appoint a local appeals board composed of five members to hear written appeals brought by any person regarding action taken by the building department of the city, county, or city and county in enforcement of the requirements of this part, including the exceptions contained in Section 19957.

- (b) Two members of the appeals board shall be physically handicapped persons, two members shall be persons experienced in construction, and one member shall be a public member.
- (c) The appeals board shall conduct hearings on written appeals made under subdivision (a) and may approve or disapprove interpretations of this part and enforcement actions taken by the building department of the city, county, or city and county.

All such approvals or disapprovals shall be final and conclusive as to the building department in the absence of fraud or prejudicial abuse of discretion.

The appeals board shall adopt regulations establishing procedural rules and criteria for the carrying out of its duties under this part.

(NOTE: Bold typeface or italics are added for analytical purposes. Notes added are within parentheses.)

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